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Annotations

1. Opening of the session

The sixty-third session of the Committee will be opened by a representative of the Secretary-General.

2. Declaration by the newly elected members of the Committee

In accordance with rule 14 of the rules of procedure (CAT/C/3/Rev.6), the new members of the Committee elected at the sixteenth meeting of the States parties to the Convention, held on 5 October 2017, will make the following declaration:

> I solemnly declare that I will perform my duties and exercise my powers as a member of the Committee against Torture honourably, faithfully, independently, impartially and conscientiously.

3. Election of the officers of the Committee

In accordance with article 18 (1) of the Convention and rules 16 and 17 of the rules of procedure, under this item, the Committee will elect from among its members a chair, three

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vice-chairs and a rapporteur. In electing its officers, the Committee shall give consideration to equitable geographical distribution and appropriate gender balance and, to the extent possible, rotation among members. The officers of the Committee shall be elected for a term of two years.

4. Adoption of the agenda

Under rule 8 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the first item on the agenda of any session shall be the adoption of the agenda, except when the election of officers is required under rule 16. Under this item, the Committee will adopt the agenda for the session.

In accordance with rule 6 of the rules of procedure, the present provisional agenda has been prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chair of the Committee. In accordance with rule 9 of its rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda during the session and may, as appropriate, defer or delete items; only urgent and important items may be added to the agenda.

5. Organizational and other matters

The sixty-third session of the Committee will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in Palais Wilson, from 23 April to 18 May 2018, and will be opened by a representative of the Secretary-General. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 23 April 2018, at 10 a.m.

Pursuant to rule 31 of the rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee will be held in public, unless the Committee decides otherwise or it appears from the relevant provisions of the Convention that the meetings should be held in private.

The Committee will consider its programme of work for the session, its working methods, its draft general comments, its annual report and any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

6. Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

States parties to the Convention

As at 9 February 2018, there were 162 States parties to the Convention.

Reports received

In addition to the reports scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its sixty-third session, as at 9 February 2018 the Secretary-General had received the following reports, which are pending consideration:

Reporting State party	*Symbol*
Benin	CAT/C/BEN/3
Burkina Faso	CAT/C/BFA/2
Canada	CAT/C/CAN/7
Chile	CAT/C/CHL/6
Democratic Republic of the Congo	CAT/C/COD/2
Germany	CAT/C/DEU/6
Greece	CAT/C/GRC/7
Guatemala	CAT/C/GTM/7
Maldives	CAT/C/MDV/1
Mauritania	CAT/C/MRT/2
Mexico	CAT/C/MEX/7

Reporting State party	*Symbol*
Netherlands	CAT/C/NLD/7
Peru	CAT/C/PER/7
Russian Federation	CAT/C/RUS/6
South Africa	CAT/C/ZAF/2
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	CAT/C/GBR/6
Uzbekistan	CAT/C/UZB/5
Viet Nam	CAT/C/VNM/1

Initial reports

The status of initial reports as at 9 February 2018 was as follows:

	Initial reports	
State party (since)	*Overdue since*	*Due received*
Bangladesh (1998)	4 November 1999	-
Botswana[a] (2000)	7 October 2001	-
Central African Republic (2016)	10 November 2017	-
Comoros (2017)	-	25 June 2018
Côte d'Ivoire[a] (1995)	16 January 1997	-
Dominican Republic (2012)	23 February 2013	-
Equatorial Guinea (2002)	6 November 2003	-
Eritrea (2014)	25 October 2015	-
Fiji (2016)	14 April 2017	
Guinea-Bissau (2013)	24 October 2014	-
Lao People's Democratic Republic (2012)	26 October 2013	-
Lesotho (2001)	11 December 2002	-
Liberia (2004)	22 October 2005	-
Malawi[a] (1996)	10 July 1997	-
Maldives (2004)	-	Received on 17 October 2017
Mali (1999)	27 March 2000	-
Nauru (2012)	26 October 2013	-
Niger (1998)	3 November 1999	-
Nigeria (2001)	28 June 2002	-
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2001)	30 August 2002	-
San Marino (2006)	27 December 2007	-
Sao Tome and Principe (2017)	-	10 February 2018
Seychelles (1992)	3 June 1993	-
Somalia[a] (1990)	22 February 1991	-

Initial reports		
State party (since)	*Overdue since*	*Due received*
South Sudan (2015)	30 April 2016	-
State of Palestine (2014)	2 May 2015	-
Swaziland (2004)	25 April 2005	-
United Arab Emirates (2012)	19 August 2013	-
Vanuatu (2011)	11 August 2012	-
Viet Nam (2015)	5 March 2016	Received on 20 July 2017

[a] On 29 January 2016, the State party accepted the simplified reporting procedure offered by the Committee owing to the amount of time by which the initial report was overdue.

[b] On 8 December 2016, the State party accepted the simplified reporting procedure offered by the Committee owing to the amount of time by which the initial report was overdue.

[c] On 2 February 2017, the State party accepted the simplified reporting procedure offered by the Committee owing to the amount of time by which the initial report was overdue.

Periodic reports

The status of periodic reports as at 9 February 2018 was as follows:

Periodic reports			
State party (since)	*Last report examined (date of examination)*	*Report overdue (since)*	*Report due received (date due or received)*
Afghanistan[a] (1987)	Second (April 2017)	-	Third (Due on 12 May 2021)
Albania (1994)	Second (May 2012)	Third (1 June 2016)	-
Algeria (1989)	Third (May 2008)	Fourth (20 June 2012)	-
Andorra[a] (2006)	Initial (November 2013)	Second (22 November 2017)	-
Antigua and Barbuda (1993)	Review in absence of initial report (July 2017)		Second (Due on 11 August 2021)
Argentina[a] (1986)	Fifth and sixth (April 2017)	-	Seventh (Due on 12 May 2021)
Armenia[a] (1993)	Fourth (November 2016)	-	Fifth (Due on 7 December 2020)
Australia[a] (1989)	Fourth and fifth (November 2014)	-	Sixth (Due on 28 November 2018)
Austria[a] (1987)	Sixth (November 2015)	-	Seventh (Due on 9 December 2019)

Periodic reports			
State party (since)	*Last report examined (date of examination)*	*Report overdue (since)*	*Report due received (date due or received)*
Azerbaijan[a] (1996)	Fourth (November 2015)	-	Fifth (Due on 9 December 2019)
Bahrain[a] (1998)	Second and third (April 2017)	-	Fourth (Due on 12 May 2021)
Belarus[a] (1987)	Fourth (November 2011)	-	Fifth (Received on 9 December 2015)
Belgium[a] (1999)	Third (November 2013)	Fourth (22 November 2017)	-
Belize[a] (1986)	Initial (November 1993)	Initial and second (25 June 1996)	-
Benin[a] (1992)	Second (November 2007)		Third (Received on 29 December 2017)
Bolivia (Plurinational State of) (1999)	Second (May 2013)	Third (31 May 2017)	-
Bosnia and Herzegovina[a] (1993)	Sixth (November 2017)	-	Seventh (Due on 6 December 2021)
Brazil[a] (1989)	Initial (May 2001)	Second (27 October 2002)	-
Bulgaria[a] (1986)	Sixth (November 2017)	-	Seventh (Due on 6 December 2021)
Burkina Faso (1999)	Initial (November 2013)	-	Second (Received on 8 February 2018)
Burundi (1993)	Second (November 2014)	-	Third (Due on 28 November 2018)
Cabo Verde (1993)	Review in absence of initial report (November 2016)	-	Second (Due on 7 December 2020)
Cambodia[a] (1992)	Second (November 2010)	Third (19 November 2014)	-
Cameroon[a] (1986)	Fifth (November 2017)	-	Sixth (Due on 6 December 2021)
Canada[a] (1987)	Sixth (May 2012)	-	Seventh (Received on 5 August 2016)

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State party (since)	*Last report examined (date of examination)*	*Report overdue (since)*	*Report due received (date due or received)*
Chad[a] (1995)	Initial (May 2009)	Second (15 May 2012)	-
Chile[a] (1988)	Fifth (May 2009)		Sixth (Received on 16 February 2017)
China (including Hong Kong, China, and Macao, China) (1988)	Fifth (November 2015)	-	Sixth (Due on 9 December 2019)
Colombia[a] (1987)	Fifth (May 2015)	-	Sixth (Due on 5 May 2019)
Congo (2003)	Initial (May 2015)	-	Second (Due on 15 May 2019)
Costa Rica[a] (1993)	Second (May 2008)	Third (30 June 2012)	-
Croatia[a] (1992)	Fourth and fifth (November 2014)	-	Sixth (Due on 28 November 2018)
Cuba (1995)	Second (May 2012)	Third (1 June 2016)	-
Cyprus[a] (1991)	Fourth (May 2014)	-	Fifth (Due on 23 May 2018)
Czechia[a] (1993)	Fourth and fifth (May 2012)	-	Sixth (Received on 26 October 2016)
Democratic Republic of the Congo (1996)	Initial (November 2005)	-	Second (Received on 13 July 2017)
Denmark[a] (1987)	Sixth and seventh (November 2015)	-	Eighth (Due on 9 December 2019)
Djibouti (2002)	Initial (November 2011)	Second (25 November 2015)	-
Ecuador[a] (1988)	Seventh (November 2016)	-	Eighth (Due on 7 December 2020)
Egypt (1986)	Fourth (November 2002)	Fifth (25 June 2004)	-
El Salvador[a] (1996)	Second (November 2009)	Third (20 November 2013)	-
Estonia[a] (1991)	Fifth (May 2013)	Sixth (31 May 2017)	-
Ethiopia (1994)	Initial (November 2010)	Second (19 November 2014)	-

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Finland[a] (1989)	Seventh (November 2016)	-	Eighth (Due on 7 December 2020)
France[a] (1986)	Seventh (May 2016)	-	Eighth (Due on 13 May 2020)
Gabon[a] (2000)	Initial (November 2012)	Second (23 November 2016)	-
Georgia[a] (1994)	Third (May 2006)	Fourth and fifth (24 November 2011)	-
Germany[a] (1990)	Fifth (November 2011)		Sixth (Received on 8 August 2017)
Ghana[a] (2000)	Initial (May 2011)	Second (3 June 2015)	-
Greece[a] (1988)	Fifth and sixth (May 2012)	-	Seventh (Received on 22 January 2018)
Guatemala[a] (1990)	Fifth and sixth (May 2013)	-	Seventh (Received on 1 June 2017)
Guinea (1989)	Initial (May 2014)	-	Second (Due on 23 May 2018)
Guyana[a] (1988)	Initial (November 2006)	Second (31 December 2008)	-
Holy See (2002)	Initial (May 2014)	-	Second (Due on 23 May 2018)
Honduras[a] (1996)	Second (July 2016)	-	Third (Due on 12 August 2020)
Hungary[a] (1987)	Fourth (November 2006)	Fifth and sixth (31 December 2010)	-
Iceland[a] (1996)	Third (May 2008)	Fourth (30 June 2012)	-
Indonesia (1998)	Second (May 2008)	Third (30 June 2012)	-
Iraq (2011)	Initial (July 2015)	-	Second (Due on 15 August 2019)
Ireland[a] (2002)	Second (July 2017)	-	Third (Due on 11 August 2021)
Israel[a] (1991)	Fifth (May 2016)	-	Sixth (Due on 13 May 2020)
Italy[a] (1989)	Fifth and sixth (November 2007)	-	Seventh (Due on 6 December 2021)

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State party (since)	*Last report examined (date of examination)*	*Report overdue (since)*	*Report due received (date due or received)*
Japan[a] (1999)	Second (May 2013)	Third (31 May 2017)	-
Jordan[a] (1991)	Third (November 2015)	-	Fourth (Due on 9 December 2019)
Kazakhstan (1998)	Third (November 2014)	-	Fourth (Due on 28 November 2018)
Kenya[a] (1997)	Second (May 2013)	Third (31 May 2017)	-
Kuwait[a] (1996)	Third (July 2016)	-	Fourth (Due on 12 August 2020)
Kyrgyzstan[a] (1997)	Second (November 2013)	Third (23 November 2017)	-
Latvia[a] (1992)	Third to fifth (November 2013)	Sixth (22 November 2017)	-
Lebanon (2000)	Initial (April 2017)	-	Second (Due on 12 May 2021)
Libya[a] (1989)	Third (May 1999)	Fourth (14 June 2002)	-
Liechtenstein[a] (1990)	Fourth (November 2015)	-	Fifth (Due on 9 December 2019)
Lithuania[a] (1996)	Third (May 2014)	-	Fourth (Due on 23 May 2018)
Luxembourg[a] (1987)	Sixth and seventh (May 2015)	-	Eighth (Due on 15 May 2019)
Madagascar (2005)	Initial (November 2011)	Second (25 November 2015)	-
Malta[a] (1990)	Second (November 1999)	Third (12 December 2000)	-
Mauritania (2004)	Initial (May 2013)	-	Second (Received on 27 January 2017)
Mauritius[a] (1992)	Fourth (November 2017)	-	Fifth (Due on 6 December 2021)
Mexico[a] (1986)	Fifth and sixth (November 2012)	Seventh (23 November 2016)	-

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Monaco[a] (1991)	Sixth (November 2016)	-	Seventh (Due on 7 December 2020)
Mongolia[a] (2002)	Second (July 2016)	-	Third (Due on 12 August 2020)
Montenegro[a] (2006)	Second (May 2014)	-	Third (Due on 23 May 2018)
Morocco[a] (1993)	Fourth (November 2011)	Fifth (25 November 2015)	-
Mozambique (1999)	Initial (November 2013)	Second (22 November 2017)	-
Namibia (1994)	Second (November 2016)	-	Third (Due on 7 December 2020)
Nepal (1991)	Second (November 2005)	Third to fifth (12 June 2008)	-
Netherlands[a] (1988)	Sixth (May 2013)	-	Seventh (Received on 22 June 2017)
New Zealand[a] (1989)	Sixth (May 2015)	-	Seventh (Due on 15 May 2019)
Nicaragua (2005)	Initial (May 2009)	Second (15 May 2013)	-
Norway[a] (1986)	Sixth and seventh (November 2012)	-	Eighth (Received on 23 November 2016)
Pakistan (2010)	Initial (April 2017)	-	Second (Due on 12 May 2021)
Panama[a] (1987)	Fourth (August 2017)	-	Fifth (Due on 11 August 2021)
Paraguay[a] (1990)	Seventh (July 2017)	-	Eighth (Due on 11 August 2021)
Peru[a] (1988)	Fifth and sixth (November 2012)	-	Seventh (Received on 13 June 2017)
Philippines[a] (1986)	Third (May 2016)	-	Fourth (Due on 13 May 2020)
Poland[a] (1989)	Fifth and sixth (November 2013)	Seventh (22 November 2017)	-
Portugal[a] (1989)	Fifth and sixth (November 2013)	Seventh (22 November 2017)	-

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State party (since)	*Last report examined (date of examination)*	*Report overdue (since)*	*Report due received (date due or received)*
Qatar[a] (2000)	Second (November 2012)	-	Third (Received on 8 December 2016)
Republic of Korea[a] (1995)	Third to fifth (May 2017)	-	Sixth (Due on 12 May 2021)
Republic of Moldova[a] (1995)	Third (November 2017)	-	Fourth (Due on 6 December 2021)
Romania[a] (1990)	Second (May 2015)	-	Third (Due on 15 May 2019)
Russian Federation[a] (1987)	Fifth (November 2012)	-	Sixth (Received on 4 November 2016)
Rwanda (2008)	Second (November 2017)	-	Third (Due on 6 December 2021)
Saudi Arabia (1997)	Second (May 2016)	-	Third (Due on 13 May 2020)
Senegal[a] (1986)	Third (November 2012)	-	Fourth (Received on 3 February 2017)
Serbia[a] (2001)	Second (May 2015)	-	Third (Due on 15 May 2019)
Sierra Leone (2001)	Initial (May 2014)	-	Second (Due on 23 May 2018)
Slovakia[a] (1993)	Third (July 2015)	-	Fourth (Due on 14 August 2019)
Slovenia[a] (1993)	Third (May 2011)	Fourth (3 June 2015)	-
South Africa (1998)	Initial (November 2006)		Second (Received on 22 September 2017)
Spain[a] (1987)	Sixth (May 2015)	-	Seventh (Due on 15 May 2019)
Sri Lanka (1994)	Fifth (November 2016)	-	Sixth (Due on 7 December 2020)
Sweden[a] (1986)	Sixth and seventh (November 2014)	-	Eighth (Due on 28 November 2018)
Switzerland[a] (1986)	Seventh (August 2015)	-	Eighth (Due on 14 August 2019)
Syrian Arab Republic (2004)	Initial (May 2010)	Second (14 May 2014)	-

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State party (since)	*Last report examined (date of examination)*	*Report overdue (since)*	*Report due received (date due or received)*
Tajikistan (1995)	Second (November 2012)	-	Third (Received on 23 November 2016)
Thailand[a] (2007)	Initial (May 2014)	-	Second (Due on 23 May 2018)
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia[a] (1994)	Third (May 2015)		Fourth (Due on 15 May 2019)
Timor-Leste (2003)	Initial (November 2017)		Second (Due on 6 December 2021)
Togo[a] (1987)	Second (November 2012)	Third (23 November 2016)	-
Tunisia (1988)	Third (May 2016)	-	Fourth (Due on 13 May 2020)
Turkey[a] (1988)	Fourth (May 2016)	-	Fifth (Due on 13 May 2020)
Turkmenistan (1999)	Second (November 2016)	-	Third (Due on 7 December 2020)
Uganda[a] (1986)	Initial (May 2005)	Second (25 June 2008)	-
Ukraine[a] (1987)	Sixth (November 2014)	-	Seventh (Due on 28 November 2018)
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland[a] (1988)	Fifth (May 2013)	-	Sixth (Received on 15 November 2017)
United States of America[a] (1994)	Third to fifth (November 2014)	-	Sixth (Due on 28 November 2018)
Uruguay[a] (1986)	Third (May 2014)	-	Fourth (Due on 23 May 2018)
Uzbekistan (1995)	Fourth (November 2013)	-	Fifth (Received on 16 January 2018)
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (1991)	Third and fourth (November 2014)	-	Fifth (Due on 28 November 2018)
Yemen[a] (1991)	Second (May 2010)	Third (14 May 2014)	-
Zambia[a] (1998)	Second (May 2008)	Third (30 June 2012)	-

[a] States parties submitting reports under the simplified reporting procedure.

7. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention

The attention of States parties is drawn to the tentative timetable for the consideration of reports set out below. In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, representatives of States parties are invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined.

Date and start time of meeting	*Report*	*Symbol*
Tuesday, 24 April 10 a.m.	Norway: eighth periodic report	CAT/C/NOR/8
Wednesday, 25 April 10 a.m.	Senegal: fourth periodic report	CAT/C/SEN/4
3 p.m.	Norway: replies	
Thursday, 26 April 3 p.m.	Senegal: replies	
Friday, 27 April 10 a.m.	Belarus: fifth periodic report	CAT/C/BLR/5
Monday, 30 April 3 p.m.	Belarus: replies	
Tuesday, 1 May 3 p.m.	Qatar: third periodic report	CAT/C/QAT/3
Wednesday, 2 May 10a.m.	Czechia: sixth periodic report	CAT/C/CZE/6
3 p.m.	Qatar: replies	
Thursday, 3 May 3 p.m.	Czechia: replies	
Friday, 4 May 10 a.m.	Tajikistan: third periodic report	CAT/C/TJK/3
Monday, 7 May 3 p.m.	Tajikistan: replies	

8. Consideration of information submitted under article 20 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XIX of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider information that has been, or appears to have been, submitted for its consideration under article 20 of the Convention.

In accordance with the provisions of article 20 (5) of the Convention and rules 78 and 79 of the rules of procedure, all documents and proceedings of the Committee relating to its functions under article 20 of the Convention are confidential and all the meetings concerning its proceedings under that article are closed.

9. Consideration of communications submitted under article 22 of the Convention

In accordance with the provisions of chapter XXI of its rules of procedure, the Committee will consider communications that have been, or appear to have been, submitted to it under article 22 of the Convention.

In accordance with article 22 (6) of the Convention and rule 107, paragraph 1, of the rules of procedure, meetings of the Committee or its subsidiary bodies during which communications under article 22 of the Convention are examined are closed.